The CASE *of Sir* Lambert Blackwell;

HUMBLY REPRESENTED

To the Right Honourable the LORDS Spiritual *and* Temporal, *in* Parliament *Assembled.*

HE was in Poſſeſſion of near 3000 *l. per Ann.* in Lands, and had upwards of 30,000 *l.* Perſonal Eſtate long before the unhappy *South-Sea Scheme* was projected; from whence his Children, who are all grown up, had the Proſpect of conſiderable Fortunes.

BY the Company's Books it appears, that he had upwards of 13,000 *l. Original Stock*, before the Scheme; which remains to this Day, without any Alteration, or Transferr.

HE ſubſcribed 475 *l. per Annum Long Annuities*, and what *Redeemables* he had, into the Company, and was ſo far deceived by the plauſible Calculations which were made, that after the large Dividend was declared, he bought 1000 *l. Firſt Subſcription*, which coſt 5100 *l. Præmium.*

THAT he humbly apprehends, it plainly appears from the State of his Tranſactions, how inconſiſtent they were with any Knowledge he had of under-hand Dealings, or with any premeditated Deſign in him to injure the Publick.

HE begs Leave to repreſent, That he was never conſulted with, or any way privy to the forming the Scheme, or concerned in the ſecret Management thereof.

NOR did he know of the taking in, or holding Stock for any Perſon, without a valuable Conſideration paid, or ſecur'd, or of paying any Difference out of the Company's Money.

NOR did he know of the 574,500 *l.* Stock, pretended to be ſold, 'till an Account thereof was required by the Honourable *Houſe of Commons*; or of the ſelling any Stock or Subſcriptions pledg'd to the Company for Security of Money lent.

NOR does he know how an Addition came to be made of 250,000 *l.* to the firſt Subſcription; or of 500,000 *l.* to the Second, otherwiſe, than that the Sub-Governour declar'd them to the Court of Directors, of which Additions he had no Part, neither doth he know who had.

NOR did he hear of any Deficiency in the Third Subſcription, 'till near Three Months after it was taken; or of any Deficiency in the Fourth, 'till ſome Time after it was taken: Nor was any Money on thoſe Subſcriptions return'd to him, or any of his Friends.

THAT when the Money on Subſcriptions was paid in, he declar'd his Opinion to pay off the *Redeemables*; and when it was reſolv'd to lend Money on Stock, he never knew of, nor gave his Conſent to any *Money lent*, beyond the Sums and Securities limitted by the *Court of Directors*; and he join'd with the *Committee*, in giving Orders to make out *Defeazances* for all Money ſo lent; nor did it proceed from any Act or Conſent of his, that they were not taken.

THIS being, with the ſtricteſt Truth, the State of his *Caſe*, if any Thing farther can recommend him to your Lordſhips Favour, he is hopeful, it is the juſt and fair Account he has given in upon Oath, of his Eſtate *Real* and *Perſonal*; and of all his Tranſactions in *Stock* or *Subſcriptions*, from the Firſt of *January*, 1719, to the 24th of *March*, 1720.

HE reſided many Years Abroad, in a Poſt of great Honour, both in the Reigns of their late Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Anne*, when Matters of the higheſt Concern and Truſt were committed to his Care, and diſcharg'd his Duty with *Fidelity* and *Approbation*, without the leaſt Blemiſh in his *Character* and *Reputation*, either in Publick or Private Affairs.

WHEREFORE, conſidering that the Care *and* Welfare *of his innocent* Wife, *and* Children, *are, in a particular Manner, under the Protection of the Lords, who have always ſhewn themſelves* Guardians *of the* Britiſh Liberties, *he humbly ſubmits himſelf to the* Juſtice *and* Clemency *of this* Honourable Houſe, *with a reſign'd Submiſſion to their Determination.*

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